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THE VICAR WRITES——

It has been quite sometime since Chihiro Kikuchi, his sister and I pulled out of Shoshone on June 22. We were met in Chicago on June 24 by Fr. Yamazaki, Sr., Dr. Ishibashi, Mr. Yamauchi, Mr. Taniguchi, Henry Morio, and my brother Fr. Dai.

Soon after arriving, I was fortunate in meeting Mr. Courtenay Barber, well known to all of you. Fr. Yamazaki, Sr., Fr. Dai and I had lunch with George Lundquist, chairman of the committee for resettlement of Japanese-Americans, an organization whose nation-wide program has done a great deal for our people. After this plesant luncheon I ventured down to the WRA office where I met Yoshiko Nakatsu, a former member of our church now working there. Others whom I met were Taro Takemura, former member of St. Peter's, and Kiyo Kikuchi, recently of Nebraska.

Ignorant of the geographic plan of Chicago I was somewhat confused as to where I had been during the day but I finally reached Brent House, the Episcopal Church House for Oriental students. This very plesant home has a few Chinese Students and Japanese Nisei is living there with the Caucasians....and is located on the south side of Chicago very close to the University.

The evening found me over at the home of Dr. Jacoby, with Harry Mae da and my brother. We met many interesting people who are taking initial part in the integration problem. So ended my first day in the big windy city.

Sunday morning I attended the Church of the Redeemer where Fr. White, rector, held a lovely Sung Eucharist. After having lunch with the Yamazaki family we went to Christ Church to take part in the Evensong service,

which was attended by more than 75 evacuees from various centers. Taking part in the service were Fr. Yamazaki, Sr. Fr. Yamazaki, Jr. Fr. Bihler, rector of the church Fr. Dai, and myself. During the service Mark William Yamazaki, son of Fr. Yamazaki, Jr. who has been at Gila and is now on his way to Cincinnati, was baptised by his grandfather. A fellowship hour followed the service and everyone seemed to have had a wonderful time recognizing old friends and meeting new ones. During the social it was made known that Fr. John Yamazaki, Sr. had been conferred Dr. of Sacred Theology by his Alma Mater, the Berkeley Divinity, New Haven, Conn Incidentally, the same title was conferred upon the Bishop of Idaho, The Rt. Rev. Frank A. Rhea, and His Grace, the Most Reverend Rt. Honorable, the Lord Archbishop of York.

The following day, Monday, found me busy attending to business matters...in general I discussed about things to be done in the Chicago Area with Harry Maeda and a few others, visited the Church Federation Office, the YWCA, had long talks with various leading people in the city, and met Jack Urata and a cousin of Mrs. Paul Shigaya while visiting the YMCA.

In the short period of stay here in Chicago I have observed that all the Japanese and Japanese American are doing very well in spite of housing difficulties. Jobs are plentiful enough but adjusting oneself to the topsy turvey scheme of the city is a task. There is no doubt left in my mind that this is a very cosmopolitan city..yes, regardless of the racial background, everyone has equal difficulties and problems. Although our people may think at times that their problem is especially unique and difficult you cannot help but feel that other groups have the same. This large metropolis is definitely not the place for children unless the family had enough money to live in a good area. Housing conditions are not so acute in the suburbs and therefore may offer better opportunities for some who wish to stay away from the big city.

There is a great need for a strong leadership among the evacuees here. Although it is just a hope now, it

would certainly be wonderful to have a Unite dMinistry for Resettlers. Various steps have been taken by the Friends Society, YMA, church groups of Caucasian major ity, and various individuals to step up the integration of our people into the total community. Despite the fact that the aforementioned groups are finding it difficult to keep up with the fast pace at whichthe people are relocating they have helped to start activities for the resettlers with the latters' help. Yet with all these activities a central place and good leaders are wanting.

Several things have been suggested to remedy some of the conditions here in Chicago, and one is to form various cooperative houses scattered throughout the city founded on an international basis. These houses can do a gre at deal in giving to the single girls, married women who are alon e and others, afeeling of securityy and well being which a t wo room apartment, in which a g reat majority are living, can never give. These coop homes can do a great deal in stabilizing the lives of these girls and in giving them a healthy envirnment.

There is great need for a field worker in the Chicago area..possibly a layman who would be able to devote his time exclusively for the personal welfare of the relocatees. He could personally look into the job opportunities offered to the evacuees, talk to the employers and to see the conditions under which they would work, to feel out the feeling of the community, and desireability of the districts, to find out about school situations for the children and many other facts which would help a great deal.

At present my plan is to attend the ordication of the Re v. Shunji H.Nishi, in Cleveland on the 29th then to return here on the 30th. On Friday I am taking a trip to Kenosha and Milwaukee, where I plan to see more relocatees. On Saturday I will take nuptial vows for my brother. Denver will be my next stop and I will leave here Monday(July 5). An interdenominational conference for the committee on wartime Japanese Service will find Bishop Reifsnider as the chairman at Denver.

Very best wishes to everyone.

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O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pout into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WEST END	EAST END
8:00 A. M. Holy Eucharist Fr. Nakajo	8:30 A. M. Holy Eucharist 22-3-D Church Chapel
	9:30 A. M. Holy Eucharist Fr. Shoji
10:30 A. M. Church School	10:30 A. M. Church School

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CONGRATULATIONS: Best wishes are being offered to Pvt. and Mrs. Hiroshi Furukawa (nee Marion Mizuki), upon the birth of a baby girl, Ann Furukawa, on June 25th in Pullman, Washington.

DEPARTURES: Mrs. Kakehashi and Samuel left the project, Wednesday July 12th for Ohio, the Tatsuda family for Chicago on Thursday, July 13th.